DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Unless the rates come down it is not possible. At the rates which are being asked for now it is impossible to do the work. We will try to do it departmentally.

Kuttapuzha thodu.

347. *MR. K. G. KESAVAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to state whether any tender has been given for the remaining work to be completed in connection with the Kuttapuzha thodu?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Yes.

Preservation of drainage thodus in South Travancore.

348. *MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what steps have been taken by them for proper preservation of drainage thodus in South Travancore;

(*b*) whether any scheme has been formulated for the above purpose; and

(*c*) if any scheme has been formulated, is it being carried out?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) The drainage kals and thodus for which there are maintenance grants are being maintained.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Does not arise in view of answer to (*b*)

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I ask whether the Chief Engineer considers it necessary to formulate a scheme? I am referring to the answer to part (b)

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I want a little more acquaintance with the area. Generally the lie of the land here is so undulating that drainage is more or less normal. There may be cases where there is waterlogging. I want to find out which area is waterlogging.

Pulikuzhi, Ennakkachira and Meluchira tanks.

349. *MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRY (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether any action has been taken regarding the maintenance of Pulikuzhi, Ennakkachira and Meluchira tanks in Sachivottamapuram?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: No action has been taken as the tanks are minor irrigation tanks.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRY: May I know from the honourable member whether he will kindly issue an order to the effect that the minor irrigation tanks also will be taken up?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Certainly Sir, I will take up as many of these tanks as possible.

Repairs of minor and major irrigation tanks.

350 *MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether minor and major irrigation tanks repaired at the expense of the Government are kept in proper repair: and

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